

URBAN DISTRICT OF LEES

THE

ANNUAL
REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer
of Health

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR 1951

LEES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

*With the
Compliments of the
Medical Officer of Health*

Council Offices,
Lees,
Oldham.

LEES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1951-1952

Chairman of the Council :

COUNCILLOR J. BARKER, J.P.

Health Committee :

Councillor J. Barker, *Chairman*

„ J. Gartside
„ S. W. Thorley (deceased)
„ J. G. Sweatman
„ F. Ward
„ E. Taylor (deceased)
„ H. Wilkinson
„ F. Rowland
„ C. M. Hunter
„ H. Slack
„ J. Mannion
„ C. Rawstron (retired)
„ H. K. Dyson
„ J. Allen
„ S. Pearson

Clerk of the Council :

H. BOARDMAN

Medical Officer of Health (part time) :

T. D. HUNTER, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., retired 30th September, 1951

T. S. JONES, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., from Sept. 30, to Nov. 12, 1951

E. TAYLOR, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., from 12th November, 1951.

Sanitary Inspector :

G. OAKES, C.R.S.I.



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ANNUAL REPORT

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Lees*

Council Offices,
Cross Street,
Lees.

MR. CHAIRMAN LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1951. Although this report appears above my name, the bulk of the work during this year was the responsibility of your previous Medical Officer of Health Dr. T. D. Hunter who retired in September 1951.

It will be observed that the Birth Rate continued to decline, whilst the Death Rate showed an increase—resulting in a continued reduction in the overall population.

On the other hand the Infantile Mortality Rate remained very low and once again no mother died in childbirth.

A sharp outbreak of Measles was responsible for the bulk of the notified Infectious Diseases, otherwise the incidence in the District remained most satisfactorily low. There was no case of Diphtheria and the single case of Poliomyelitis made a good recovery.

May I express my thanks to the Members of the Health Committee, and all Officers of the Council for their assistance and co-operation during my period of office.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. E. TAYLOR, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

General Statistics.

Area in acres	288
Population (preliminary census 1951).....	4211
Registrar-General's estimated resident population mid-1951	4208
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books.....	1504
Rateable Value	£20,309
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£79

Vital Statistics.

The main vital statistics for the year, after correction for inward and outward transfers, as furnished by the Registrar-General are given in Table 1.

TABLE I.

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2.—Causes of Death

	Male	Female
All causes	30	44
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0
2 Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	0	0
3 Scarlet Fever	0	0
4 Whooping Cough	0	0
5 Diphtheria	0	0
6 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	0	0
7 Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0
8 Syphilitic diseases	0	0
9 Influenza	0	1
10 Measles	0	0
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph.	0	0
12 Ac. inf. enceph.	0	0
13 Cancer of buc.cav. and oesoph (M) uterus (F)	3	5
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum	0	1
15 Cancer of breast	0	1
16 Cancer of all other sites	0	1
17 Diabetes	0	1
18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions.....	5	3
19 Heart Disease ..	8	15
20 Other diseases of Circulatory system	7	6
21 Bronchitis	0	2
22 Pneumonia	3	2
23 Other Respiratory Diseases	0	1
24 Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	0	0
25 Diarrhœa, (under 2 years)	0	0
26 Appendicitis	0	0
27 Other Digestive Diseases	1	1
28 Nephritis	0	0
29 Puerperal and post-abortion Sepsis	0	0
30 Other maternal causes	0	0
31 Premature birth	0	0
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infact dis.	0	0
33 Suicide	0	0
34 Road traffic accidents.....	0	0
35 Other violence causes.....	0	1
36 All other causes	3	3

3—Notifiable Diseases, (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1951 :—

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED											Deaths. Total	Hospital.	
	Total cases at all ages	AGE PERIODS—YEARS.						age un- known	Total removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital				
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-				25-		45-	65-
Small Pox .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Scarlet Fever	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria including membranous croup.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever, excluding Paratyphoid.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles, excluding German Measles	117	6	34	49	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Whooping Cough.....	18	2	6	7	3	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
AcutePneumonia, primary and influenzt.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Meningococcal Infection.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Acute poliomyelitis—paralytic	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " non-paralytic .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute encephalitis—infective .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " post infective.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery	6	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria, contracted in this country .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria, contracted abroad .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any others notifiable in district, e.g. Chicken pox .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any other disease.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	147	8	40	62	33	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	0

TUBERCULOSIS

(1)—The notification of Tuberculosis is efficient in the district.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1951.

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1 ...								
1—2 ...		1						
2—5 ...								
5—10 ...								
10—15 ...								
15—20 ...								
20—25 ...		1						
25—35 ...								
35—45 ...								
45—55 ...								
55—65 ...	1							
65—75 ...								
75 & upward								
Totals ...	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3		0		0		0	

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES	Treated		Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	At Home	In Hospital				
Number Notified						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Disinfection after Infectious Diseases:

Number of houses disinfected during 1951 6

Disinfectant used—FORMALIN and SULPHUR DIOXIDE

DISINFESTATION

Council houses Other houses

Number of houses found infested 0 2

Number of houses disinfested 0 2

Methods used.

2 houses by local authority using Formaldehyde gas.

General Provision of Health Services for the District.

Under the National Service Act 1946, Health Divisions were set up throughout the County Administrative Area, each Health Division being responsible for the following services:—

1. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
2. Health Visiting Service.
3. Domiciliary Midwifery Service.
4. Home Nursing Service.
5. Domestic Help Service.
6. Prevention of illness, care and after-care.
7. Vaccination and Diphtheria Immunisation.
8. Ambulance Service.
9. Health Centres and Health Education.
10. Infectious Diseases.
11. Mental Health Services.

This District is within Health Division No. 14 the Office for which is at :—

“Tylon”

Middleton Road,

Chadderton,

Phone: MAIn (Oldham) 6251/2

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. Section 47.

Number of applications made during the year 1951..... 0

Number of orders made 0

Sanitary Administration

WATER SUPPLY

There is an efficient supply of water of good quality provided from the Oldham Corporation Waterworks for the whole district.

Action taken in respect of any form of contamination:

Filtration and Chlorination takes place at the source and tests are carried out by the Oldham County Borough.

No cases of lead contamination have been notified.

During the year 10 new houses built by the Council were supplied with water.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The River Medlock which flows along the Western boundary of the District, receives the sewage effluent from the Sewage Works at Crossbank. Two other streams converge on the Eastern boundary and join the River Medlock at the South West part of the District at Holts.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Sewerage of the greater part of the district is conveyed to the sewers of the Oldham County Borough—the flow being checked by Lea Recorders—and is treated at their Outfall works. The remainder is treated at our own Sewage works, by the method of precipitation, continuous filters, percolating filters and humus tanks, prior to discharge of effluent in the River Medlock.

All drains are examined before being covered in, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Privy Middens	0
Pail Closets	0
Dry Ash Pits	0
Movable Ashbins	1470
Trough Closets	0
Waste Water Closets	78
Fresh Water Closets	1480
Number of houses on water carriage system	1504

Conversions during 1951

Number of Trough closets to fresh W.C's.	0
„ Waste „ „ „	0
Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles	0

SCAVENGING AND REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This is carried out satisfactorily by the Sanitary authority by weekly collection and a salvage scheme is operated. Refuse is collected weekly by motor vehicle and disposed of by partially controlled tipping at the Council tip at Tumbling Bank. Approximately 1280 tons of refuse were removed.

Sanitary Inspections during 1951 including Houses

During the year 349 premises were visited of which 104 were dwelling houses and 245 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 132 defects or nuisances were found and 160 were abated.

To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 86 informal and 4 formal notices were served upon the owners or agents in addition to personal interviews by the Sanitary Inspector.

SCHOOLS

There are four day schools in the District. The sanitary condition of the W.C. and lavatory accommodation at the Schools within the District is fair, some of the accommodation is obsolete and requires attention. All the schools are supplied with water from the district mains.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

No action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

FACTORIES

Administration of the Factories Act 1937. Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health including inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS, 1937

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health including inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Prosecu- tions
Factories with mech. power	24	26		
without mechanical power	3	6		
Other premises under the Act	1	4		
TOTAL ...	28	36	—	—

2. Defects found.

Particulars	Number of defects			No. of Prosecu- tions
	Found	Remcd'd	Rep. to H.M. Ins.	
Want of cleanliness				
Overcrowding				
Unreasonable temperature.....				
Inadequate ventilation.....				
Ineffective drainage of floors...				
Sanitary conveniences				
(a) insufficient				
(b) unsuitable or defective				
(c) not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act				
Totals	—	—	—	—

RODENT CONTROL.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

1. Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

Type of Property	Total	Notified by Occupier	Otherwise	Recorded	Rats Maj.	Rats Minor	Mice only
L.A. Property ...	11	6	0	6	1	5	
Dwelling-Houses ...	1390	22	7	12		12	
Business Premises ...	286	7	0	6		6	
Agricultural Property ...	18		6				
Total ...	1705	35	13	24	1	23	0

2. Measures of control by Local Authority

Type of Property	Number Inspected	No. of Inspections	Number of Notices served Sect. 4		Number of Treatments carried out				Block Treatments of Properties in different Occupancies under Sect. 6 (1) or by Informal arrangement		
			Treat-meets	Works	By arrangement with Owner	under Sect. 5 (1)		No. of Blocks	Surface No. of Separate Occupancies	Assoc. Sewers No. of Manholes treated	
						Rat	Mice only				
L.A. Property ...	11	39			6						
Dwelling-Houses ...	61	92			12						
Business Premises ...	28	65			6						
Agricultural Property ...	18	34									
Total ...	118	230			24						

In addition two maintenance treatments of the sewers in the district involving the baiting and poisoning of approximately 181 man holes were carried out with much success.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Daries Acts and Regulations.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949

Number of registered distributors from :—

a. Own dairies in the district	14
b. Dairy farms in the district	3
c. Premises outside the district	7

The Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949

Number of dealers licences (including supplementary) issued by the Local Authority during 1950 in respect of :—

“Tuberculin Tested” Milk :

i. Bottling... 0	ii. Distribution ...14
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The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Number of licenses issued in respect of “Heat-treated Milk”

Retail Distributors : (a) Pasteurised... 0 (b) Sterilised... 0

Action taken by Local Authority in relation to :—

a. Raw Milk,

i. Tuberculosis—biological tests			
No. of samples...0	No. positive...0	No. negative...0	
ii. Bacteriological examinations			
No. of samples ...0	No. satisfactory...0	No. unsatisfactory...0	
iii. Sediment tests			
No. of samples ...0	No. satisfactory...0	No. unsatisfactory...0	

b. “Heat-treated Milk”

i. “Phosphatase” test			
No. of samples ...0	No. satisfactory...0	No. unsatisfactory...0	
ii. Turbidity test			
No. of samples ...0	No. satisfactory...0	No. unsatisfactory ..0	
iii. Methylene Blue reduction test			
No. of samples ...0	No. satisfactory...0	No. unsatisfactory...0	
iv. Tuberculosis			
No. of samples.....0	No. positive.....0	No. negative.....0	

Number of notifications of tuberculous milk forwarded to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Results of Ministry investigations during the year arising from notifications by the Local Authority

No. of Veterinary inspections..... 0

No. of cases where animals siezed under Tubercnlosis Order 1938...0

No. of animals siezed 3

No. of cases reported negative, animals sold prior to investigation...0

No. of cases reported negative—no animals siezed0

MEAT SUPPLY

Slaughtering is not carried out in the district at the present time owing to the centralisation of Slaughter houses. Slaughtering for the district being done in Oldham.

FOOD PREMISES are inspected regularly.

Food inspected and condemned being unfit for human consumption during the year was :

	lb.	ozs.
5 tins of Cooked Ham.....	89	0
2 boxes of Margarine	53	0
41 3½ oz. cartons of Cheese	8	13
22 4 oz. " " "	5	8
6 6 oz. " " "	2	4
3 tins of Veal.....	10	0
19 4 oz. tins of Coffee.....	4	12
9 tins of Sweetened Milk	6	0
1 tin of Unsweetened Milk	1	0
7 tins of Various Foods	6	8

Total Weight ... 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lb. 15 ozs.

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

These are administered by the Police.

Housing. (STATISTICS)

Number of new houses erected during the year :

	Prefabricated Houses		Traditional Permanent Houses
	Temporary	Permanent	
1. By the Local Authority.....	0	0	10
2. By other Local Authorities	0	0	0
3. By other Bodies or Persons	0	0	0

Unfit Dwelling Houses

1—Inspection

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 104
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 342
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 0
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 0
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 0
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 86

2—Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notices

- (1) Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 83

3—Action under Statutory Powers during the year

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16, of the Housing Act, 1936 :

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 0
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices
 - (a) By owners 0
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... 0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 3
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
 - (a) By owners 3
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

C. Proceedings under Sec. 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

E. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV—Overcrowding :

(1)	(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	73
	(b)	Number of families dwelling therein	129
	(c)	Number of persons dwelling therein	550
(2)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
(3)	(a)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	14
	(b)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	85

F. Housing Act 1949 :

(a)	(i)	Number of schemes submitted :	
		(a) by private individuals	0
		(b) by Local Authority	0
	(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses affected	0
(b)	(i)	Number of schemes approved :	
		(a) of private individuals	0
		(b) of Local Authority	0
	(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses affected	0
		Number of additional separate dwellings provided...	0
(c)		Any other action taken	0

